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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

T. Gilchrist et al.

Serial No.: 10/069,242

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Examiner: D. M. Naff

For: CELL GROWTH SUBSTRATE

Mail Stop AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 30, 2004, Applicants hereby request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following remarks and amendments. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants hereby petition that the period for response be extended to December 30, 2004.

Amendments to the Specification begin at page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin at page 3.

Remarks begin on page 5.